



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending November 20, 2005, warm, measurable precipitation was recorded across the eastern one-third of the state with the rest of the state receiving little or no precipitation, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Producers remain busy with fall fieldwork and other winter preparations. Cattle continue to graze corn stalks.

Weather Summary: Temperatures ranged from 7 degrees below to 1 degree above normal. Topsoil moisture levels made slight improvements with the recent precipitation and cool temperatures.

Field Crops Report: Corn harvest was nearing completion at 98 percent, ahead of last year at 89 and average at 95. Harvest in the southwestern and Panhandle counties progressed rapidly during the week.

Wheat conditions were rated as 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 29 fair, 59 good, and 5 excellent. This is in line with last year and better than average.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending November 20, 2005

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Percent				
Corn Harvested	98	95	89	95

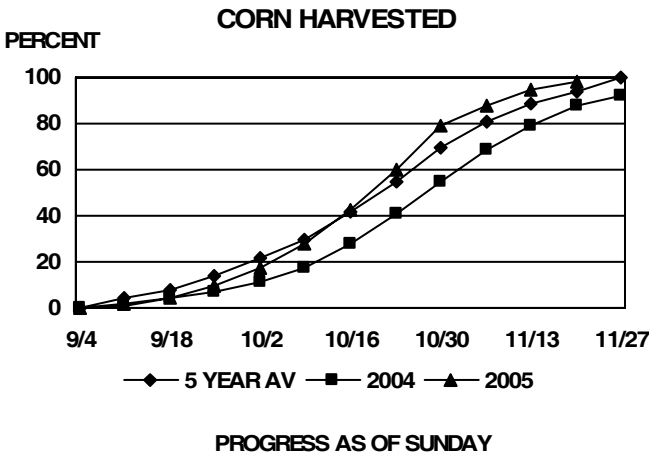
**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:
Nebraska, Week Ending November 20, 2005**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Percent				
Topsoil				
Very Short	20	22	5	19
Short	37	37	30	33
Adequate	43	41	62	47
Surplus	0	0	3	1
Subsoil				
Very Short	26	27	29	36
Short	36	33	42	37
Adequate	38	40	29	27
Surplus	0	0	0	0
Days Suitable	5.7	6.9	4.2	4.9

**Crop Condition: Nebraska,
Week Ending November 20, 2005**

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					
Wheat	2	5	29	59	5

This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Regional Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/cmts_cur.htm. For those receiving an e-mail text version of this publication, a complete version including crop progress charts and precipitation maps can be found at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/2005.htm>

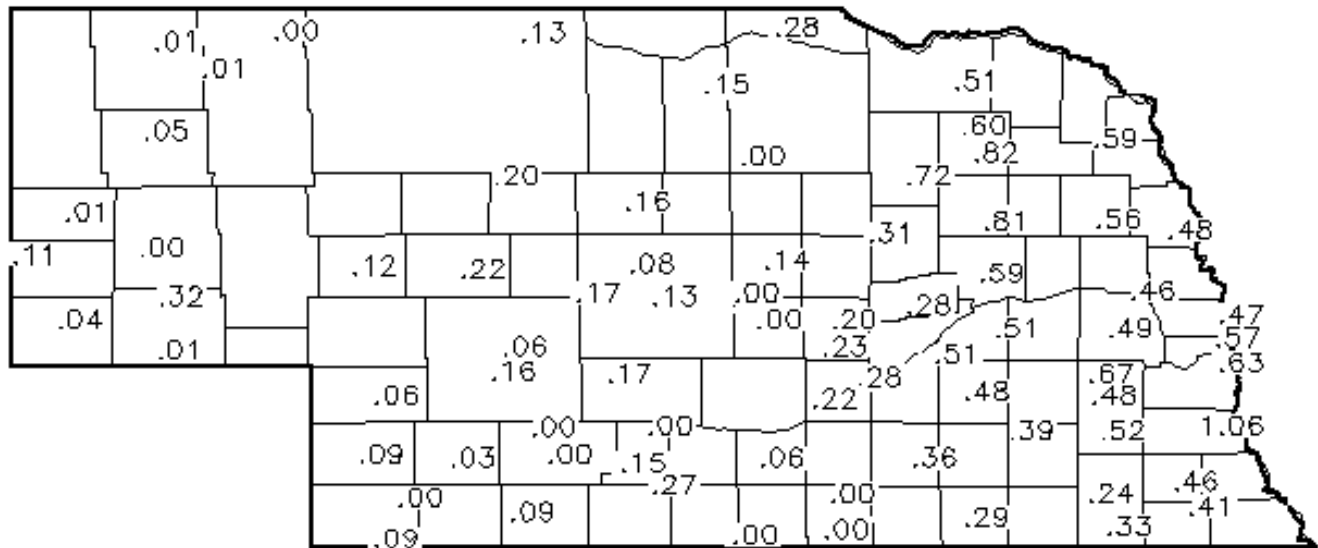


LAST WEEKLY WEATHER & CROPS

This is the last Weekly Weather and Crops report for the 2005 growing season. We would like to extend our appreciation to the dedicated FSA county directors and county extension educators who supplied the necessary information for these reports. For December through March, we will issue monthly reports. Weekly reports will begin April 3rd for the 2006 season.

Sincerely,
Mark Harris
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Director

Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. November 20, 2005



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – November 20, 2005

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.08	.19	.63	.16	.56	.08	.11	.45
Total since April 1	18.27	23.12	23.72	19.68	20.23	17.55	17.53	21.76
Normal since April 1	14.29	18.51	21.85	20.37	24.12	17.15	20.11	25.38
Total as % of normal	128%	125%	109%	96%	84%	102%	87%	85%

Temperature: By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, November 20, 2005

Station		Temperature			
		Extremes		Average	Departure
		High	Low		
NW	Alliance	61	12	33	-2
	Scottsbluff	62	14	34	-1
	Sidney	61	13	34	-1
NC	Ainsworth	61	11	34	-1
	Arthur	59	7	32	-3
	O'Neill	57	9	34	-2
NE	Concord	51	5	31	-6
	Elgin	56	11	34	-3
	West Point	51	6	31	-7
C	Grand Island	58	17	36	0
	Lexington	59	11	36	0
	Ord	58	14	36	0
EC	Lincoln	54	16	36	-3
	Central City	57	13	35	-1
	Mead	52	8	32	-7
SW	Champion	60	8	34	-2
	North Platte	60	10	35	-1
	Curtis	60	13	36	0
SC	Smithfield	59	12	36	0
	Minden	60	15	37	+1
	Red Cloud	59	14	37	0
SE	Beatrice	55	11	35	-4
	Clay Center	58	18	36	0
	Nemaha	55	14	35	-5

Source: High Plains Regional Climate Center and Nebraska State Climate Office